

May 26, 2009

Ms. Laura E Sinram
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
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RE: Ohio Republican Party

Identification Number: C00162339

Dear Laura:

This correspondence is in response to your audit letter dated April 24, 2009, requiring a response by May 26, 2009 for the Amended Year End Report (11/25/08 - 12/31/08). This correspondence, along with the associated amendments referred to herein, should constitute a complete response to your issues. In the event you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

1. The \$5,000.00 contribution received from Associated Builders & Contractors on 12/1/08 was for the Steve Stivers for Congress Recount. CFR Sec. 100.91 states that "deposit of money...with respect to a recount of the results of a Federal election is not a contribution." Therefore, we do not feel this contributor was over the limit and, as a result, no change to our report is required.
2. The receipts noted from OFRW on Schedule A supporting Lines 15 and 17 were reimbursement payments for payroll and taxes paid by The Ohio Republican Party. The reimbursements were for the exact amount expended by ORP.
3. The receipts noted from OFRW on Schedule A supporting Line 17 were reimbursements for rental of office space. The calculation was performed based on square footage used versus actual cost of office space.
4. The beginning cash balance was changed as a result of prior period adjustments and should reflect the correct balance with the filing of this amendment.
5. The totals listed on Lines 7, 11(b), 11(c), 11(d), 12, 21(b), 21(c), 31 and 32 were changed as a result of prior period adjustments and should reflect correct balances with the filing of this amendment.
6. The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), Column B were changed as a result of prior period adjustments and should reflect the correct balances with the filing of the amendment.
7. We are aware of the discrepancies and are working to reconcile the balances with the Treasurer's of these committees. We will file an amended report once we are able to reconcile the balances.
8. The payments made to Telcove are as follows: 1/3/08 = \$4,243.64, 1/18/08 = \$1,813.50, 2/1/08 = \$3,327.60, 4/9/08 = \$2,522.54.
9. This item is related to the Get Out The Vote activities.
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11. All of the entries relating to "year end bonus" on Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) have been amended to include "not 25%".

12. The Memo Entry for \$961.08 has been deleted.

This completes all matters relative to the report in question, with the exception of Item 7 which is still being researched and will be filed upon completion. Should you have any follow up questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely